

yesterday morning in his private car. He spent the night in the car in the terminal trainshed in Philadelphia. He was up at 7 o'clock, and at 9 o'clock he called on President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad, remaining with him nearly an hour.

Soon after Mr. Baer left Mr. Cassatt's office Senator Quay arrived there. After waiting nearly half an hour Senator Quay had a long conference with Mr. Cassatt, and still later with Mr. Baer. When he came out the Senator declined to say anything in regard to the strike or anything else, except that he did not know whether Mr. Cassatt was going to take part in the strike settlement.

**QUAY AFTER CASSATT TO ARBITRATE?**

The story was in circulation in Philadelphia yesterday that President Cassatt has sought in every way to keep out of the strike controversy, but that now there is being made an attempt to get him to act as arbitrator with J. Pierpont Morgan and a man to be appointed by John Mitchell.

It was said to be the plan proposed to Mr. Mitchell and the operators by President Roosevelt, and Mitchell was said to have acquiesced in the suggested selection.

**MITCHELL AWAITING A CALL.**

Intimates that he is expecting a summons of great importance.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 13.—President Mitchell tonight is awaiting some message from Washington or New York which may result in his immediate departure. Whether he believes it will be from the operators or another call from the President, he will not say.

"I have made no arrangements for going away," he declared.

"Have you received any proposition from the operators?" he was asked.

"I cannot answer that."

"Is there any termination in sight?"

"I have nothing to say," he replied, and there was that in his manner which implied that he knew of some move in which he had great expectations.

All day long there has been subdued excitement among the strikers' leaders and each minute they have been expecting a call. This, they believe, may come at any time during the night, as one did a short time ago, when President Mitchell slipped away at 4 o'clock in the morning.

Of the reports of resumption made by the operators President Mitchell said:

"Their strenuous efforts to open their collieries proved a dismal failure. I have received reports from all over the region and I am convinced that instead of gaining men they have lost them. In the Panther Creek district, about Hazleton, Scranton and Shamokin, fewer men are at work now than were last week.

"As to the detailed reports of resumption the Bellevue colliery hoisted two cars of coal already mined. The Locust Summit had no one at work. The Johnson No. 1 and No. 2 never turned a wheel. The Lattimer never had a new man, but may have sent out a couple of cars mined by foremen. The Prospect, in this city, did nothing."

**EDMUNDS ON THE STRIKE.**

Former Senator Says the President Has No Authority to Intervene.

BOSTON, Oct. 13.—Former Senator Edmunds of Vermont, in a letter from Bay Head, N. J., to a friend in this city, has the following to say regarding the coal strike:

"I am obliged to disagree with you as to the power of the President to acquiesce, or otherwise deal with the coal mines. Neither the Constitution nor the law authorizes it. Coal mines are private property, whether held by a corporation or an individual, and do not differ in any legal respect from quarries or farms or dwellings.

"If public uses justify it, and the law has provided in advance for so doing, private property may be taken for public use, just as in Vermont a man's land may be taken for a highway, railroad, water supply of cities, cemetery, schoolhouse, &c. The public use and necessity spoken of are not more applicable to coal than to the products of farms or of factories.

"Congress has dealt with the interstate and foreign commerce part of the subject and has done so very fully, perhaps as fully as the Constitution of the United States will warrant.

"The apparent failure of the Congress legislation has been due, I think, either to the want of ability or the want of disposition on the part of those whose duty it is to carry on the administration of the laws of the United States, namely, the Executive and judicial departments.

"As regards the existing coal difficulty the fault has been, as it appears to me, clearly with the State authorities of Pennsylvania. If the men out of employment and wishing to work, or being in the strike either voluntarily or otherwise, could have felt reasonably sure that the officers of the law would protect their lives and limbs and those of their families, if they went to work in the mines, the mining and shipment of coal would have been fully resumed within a month from the beginning of the strike, and no man's rights would have been interfered with."

**TO TRY SOLDIER FOR MURDER.**

Private Wadsworth Held Responsible for Killing Striker Durham.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 13.—Private Wadsworth of Company A, Eighteenth Regiment, will have to stand trial in the Schuylkill county courts on the charge of murdering William Durham, a striker, on Oct. 9. The coroner's jury this afternoon rendered a verdict that the shooting was unjustifiable.

District Attorney McLaughlin was informed of the verdict this evening, and said that he would at once take under consideration measures to secure the custody of Wadsworth. It is anticipated that the military authorities will be required to deliver Wadsworth up, but the civil authorities will proceed under the section of the laws which provide that when the courts are open and in unobstructed exercise of their jurisdiction military officers cannot interfere unless military law is proclaimed.

The testimony showed that Durham passed the guard line and, refusing to obey the order to halt, was shot.

**STRIKE USES UP A PREACHER.**

The Rev. Mr. Hollingshead, Outraged by Writing to "The Sun," Finds in Pulpit.

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 13.—After a week of severe nervous tension during which time he had been constantly under the guard of a corporal's squad of soldiers, the Rev. Mr. Hollingshead, pastor of the Forest City Presbyterian Church, yesterday fainted away in the pulpit of his church.

Mr. Hollingshead is the author of a letter that appeared in THE SUN early in October denouncing the strikers and declaring that a reign of terror prevails in the anthracite region. Since then he has been almost ostracized by the people of Forest City, and he believes that his life has been in jeopardy. Soldiers have guarded his house night and day. The letter that appeared in THE SUN bore the signature, "Forest City Minister." The strikers in that place, on seeing the letter, immediately circulated a letter calling on all the ministers of the

town to declare whether they were the authors of the letter.

Mr. Hollingshead then admitted that he had written it and was immediately placed under the ban of social ostracism. When he appeared on the streets he was met with scornful and jeering. The strain told severely on the clergyman, and on Saturday morning when he found a scoundrel book with a bullet hole through it on his front porch, one which he had given to a breaker boy during last winter, he nearly collapsed. Yesterday at the morning services in his church he referred to the incidents of the week, and while in a vehement recital of the facts tottered and fell to the floor in a faint. The services were immediately dismissed and Mr. Hollingshead removed to his home.

To-day his condition is reported much improved, but he is still in a condition of great nervous excitement.

**COAL PRODUCTION YESTERDAY.**

Gain of More Than 7,000 Tons. Operators Expect Further Increase.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 13.—A gain of more than 7,000 tons in the production of coal to-day marked the first general effort to resume work since the entire State division of soldiers came to the fields. Twelve collieries and four washeries resumed work, and there was a general increase in the number of workers at other collieries. The operators are confident of being able to continue the resumption during the week. The estimated production was:

Delaware Lackawanna and Western Company	2,500
Scranton and Hazleton	1,500
Lehigh Valley Coal Company	1,500
Delaware and Hudson Coal Company	1,500
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